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1. In the barracks located on Kálvária Street, there were billeted about 800 Russian soldiers with black epaulettes. There were light trucks parked in the courtyard;

2. In the buildings of the former police barracks, sections of a tank unit were billeted, consisting of about 1,000 men. The men wore black epaulettes with a red border and tank insignia. There were in the courtyard about 20 T-34/85 trucks and about 12 tracked-vehicles.

3. The artillery barracks on Parragváni Street were occupied by a Russian artillery unit of about 1,200 men. 25X1

4. The cavalry barracks were occupied by a Russian tank unit of about 1,200 men. 25X1

5. The communications barracks were occupied by about 300 men, wearing communications troop insignia on their sleeves.

6. The County Seat Building served as headquarters of a Russian unit. Russian military police, about 250 strong, was also located in the building.

7. The warehouses on Söptei Street were used by the Russians for food depots.

8. On Perint Avenue, next to the river, many private homes have been requisitioned by the Russians. There were about 600 men with black epaulettes quartered there.

9. Villas at 26-31 Boris Street, at the corner of Vas József Avenue, have been requisitioned by headquarters of the MVD.

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10. About 45 tanks, type T-34/85, are parked in the public gardens.
11. Hotel Urania serves as a Russian warehouse.
12. On the square near the hospital for contagious diseases there were about 40 tanks and tank destroyers of the types T-34/85 and SU-100.
13. At the Haladás sports arena about 40 T-34/85, Stalin III's, and 12 SU-100 were observed.
14. In the old Ezredéves Park about 35 T34/85 tanks were seen.
15. During the period of observation an increased amount of traffic and activity has been observed. Loaded light trucks were seen going from one barrack to the other, as well as to the railway station. It appeared that the units were preparing to leave for the summer maneuvers.
16. The new barracks of the AVH are located on Söptei Street. At the time of observation they were occupied by about 320 men. There were also about 60 policewomen in Szombathely.

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